

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – March 6, 2012

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at the Township Municipal Building Rte 715, Brodheadsville. Those present were Dave Fleetwood (Vice-Chairman), Chris Eckert (Supervisor), David Albright (Township Manager), and Cathy A. Martinelli (Office Manager), Atty. Joseph P. McDonald and Engineer Chris McDermott. Chuck Gould (Chairman) was absent.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Dave Fleetwood.

Public Comment. None

Skipped ahead to New Business:

11c. Community Planning & Management – Commercial corridor zoning standards proposal.

Carson Helfrich sent a proposal for Community Planning and Management to review the documents prepared by the Natural Lands Trust and updates, provide written comments and attend two meetings as directed by the Board of Supervisors. The cost will not exceed \$2,500.00. Christine Meinhart from Monroe County Planning Commission was present to explain this proposal and said this falls under the guidelines of special projects grants and we could be reimbursed up to 75% of the cost through this program. A brief discussion ensued and on motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Chris Eckert it was voted to accept this proposal. (2-0)

11d. Romascavage acquisition. Atty. Weitzmann was present to discuss this option agreement and resolution authorizing the acquisition of an exclusive option to purchase real property located in Chestnuthill Township for use for park, recreational and open space purposes. This is approximately 52 acres presently owned by Jerry K & Kimberly A Romascavage situated on the north side of Little Mexico Road. Dave Albright gave a brief summary of the project and said there is the potential for us to receive 50% grant funding through the County and 50% grant funding through DCNR toward the purchase price. A brief discussion ensued and on motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to approve and sign Resolution 2012-06 “Option Agreement” (2-0) Resident Leon Clark objected because he did not review the document.

DCNR Grant Resolution page. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to approve and sign Resolution 2012-07 “Romascavage II Acquisition” grant document. (2-0)

Executive Session. None

Parks. Bernie Kozen was present to report the following:

- BINGO 3/23 6:30pm
- Craft Fair 3/24 10am-3pm
- Easter Egg Coloring 3/25 1pm
- Easter Egg Hunt 3/31 1pm
- Social Dance/Lesson 4/22 3pm-5pm
- Give & Take Day 4/28 11am-4pm
- Park Clean up 5/5 8am
- Kite Flying @ Ross Twp Park 5/5 11am

Miscellaneous:

Regional Park Phase 1- completed bid documents

Pohoqualine Fishing Permits available

Summer concerts looking for bands interested in performing.

Historical Society. Dave Fleetwood said meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Park Building. Mr. Joe Horn is going to speak on the history of the Western Union.

Emergency Services. Don Zipp was absent and therefore, there was no report.
June Parker of WE Ambulance did report there were 36 calls in February.

Emergency gate access update. Dave Albright reported the 3rd Tuesday in March, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. we will hold a work session on this issue.

Minutes. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood the minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting were approved with the noted correction: on page 2 of 4 under heading "Emergency gate access update" 4th line after the word "gate" include "and road". (2-0)

Correspondence.

DEP Recycling Grant. Dave Albright said there is a grant for recycling equipment 902 Grant; however it focuses primarily on newly mandated townships. He is going to inquire with our local DEP contact.

Kinsley's Shop Rite. Address change for 911 readdressing issues.

Atty. McDonald. Gave a brief update on the Marcellus Shale Regulations that were just enacted.

Old Business.

Bonser Drive update. Engineer McDermott said that M/M Sottile had granted permission to do testing on their property scheduled for 3/22. Mrs. Sottile has asked about any potential grants, Dave Albright said we need a plan of action before we can apply for any grants.

Warner Bridge Project. Attached you will find the spreadsheet with the bid results. Engineer McDermott recommended Papillion & Moyer at \$136,921.90. A brief discussion ensued and on motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to award the bid to Papillion & Moyer. (2-0)

New Business.

Cancel March 20th Supervisor meeting – work session only, bill pay only March 19th @ 7:30am, no other business will be discussed. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to cancel March 20th Supervisor meeting, hold a work session on March 20th at 7:00 p.m. for the IML/BHE emergency access gate issue and hold a bill paying meeting only on Monday, March 19th at 7:30 a.m. (2-0)

Authorization to advertise to seek bids for equipment for sale. The road department would like to put our bucket truck, crane, dozer and GMC dump truck out for bid. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to authorize the advertisement for bids. (2-0)

Prevailing Wage Reform Resolution. This resolution is in support of HB 1329 and HB 1685 regarding the prevailing wage threshold increase from \$25,000 to \$185,000 and adjusts this amount annually based on the Consumer Price Index. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to send this Resolution 2012-08 in support of the proposed increase. (2-0)

Bills. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to pay the general fund bills. (2-0)

Plans.

Kal-Tac Inc. (Land Development Plan/Reverse Subdivision Plan) Effort Associates. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to table this plan. (2-0) (Plan date 8/2003) (**open ended waiver**)

Planning Module Approval. None.

Public Comment.

Resident Neil Boyce. He is a member of the PIC committee and wants to remind everyone the 1st meeting of the year will be this Thursday @ 7pm at the Township building. They need volunteers desperately for clean up days.

Resident Leon Clark.

- Asked about the Ethixa virtual street scape project
- Asked about the stolen backhoe and the details of insurance claim
- Asked about the 911 readdressing signs

Resident Stuart Thody.

- Asked about 911 sign enforcement
- Asked about several run down places in Brodheadsville

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to adjourn into executive session with no further decisions to be made on a possible litigation issue and when we return we will be going home. (2-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Martinelli
Recording Secretary